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GOVERNMENT

REF: ANKARA 4608 (DTG 161320Z JUN 77)

1. CONTINUING HIS CONSULTATIONS ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW
GOVERNMENT, TURKISH PRIMIN-DESIGNATE ECEVIT MET JUNE 16
WITH A GROUP OF THE PRESIDENTIALLY-APPOINTED CONTINGENT
SENATORS AND WITH REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) LEADER
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FEYZIOGLU. AFTER HIS MEETING WITH ECEVIT, FEYZIOGLU TOLD
NEWSMEN THAT HIS PARTY COULD NOT GIVE ITS DECISION ON WHETHER OR
NOT TO SUPPORT A GOVERNMENT BASED ON ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN
PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) UNTIL THE RR HAD SEEN THE PROPOSED
GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM. HE STATED THAT WHILE THE RR DOES NOT PLAN TO
PARTICIPATE IN A GOVERNMENT, IT WILL OPPOSE ANY GOVERNMENT
WHICH CONTAINS THE RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALIST NATIONAL SALVATION

PARTY (NSP). HE REITERATED THAT THE RR'S FIRST CHOICE WOULD BE A GOVERNMENT BASED ON "A CIVILIZED DIALOGUE" BETWEEN THE RPP AND ITS CHIEF RIVAL, THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP), CLAIMING THAT THE TWO PARTIES' VIEWS ARE NOT REALLY VERY FAR APART.

2. ACCORDING TO JUNE 17 PRESS, ECEVIT'S MEETING WITH NSP LEADER ERBAKAN, EARLIER REPORTED SET FOR JUNE 16, IS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE JUNE 17. ERBAKAN HAS NOW OBTAINED FULL AUTHORITY FROM HIS PARTY'S GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND THE NSP PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF A COALITION WITH EITHER MAJOR PARTY. VARIOUS PAPERS CONTINUED TO CARRY RUMORS THAT NAP'S PRICE FOR PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION WOULD BE MUCH STEEPER THAN THAT DEMANDED FOR PREVIOUS COALITIONS.

3. NSP MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KORKUT OZAL, WHOM MUCH OF THE PRESS HAS BEEN DESCRIBING AS LEADER OF A MODERATE, PRO-RPP FACTION OF THE NSP, STRONGLY ADVISED THE RPPP JUNE 16 TO GIVE UP ITS PLANS TO FORM A SINGLE-PARTY GOVERNMENT. OZAL WARNED THAT IF THE RPP PERSISTS IN ITS EFFORTS, THE RESULT WILL BE A WEAK GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL QUICKLY COLLAPSE AND COULD NOT LATER BE REVIVED. SUCH A FAILURE, OZAL SAID, COULD KEEP THE RPP OUT OF GOVERNMENT FOR YEARS AND " COULD TAKE THE REGIME INTO YEARS OF FLUCTUATION AND INSTABILITY." OZAL, WHO SAID HE HAS BEEN PRIVATELY WARNING HIS RPP FRIENDS OF THESE DANGERS, ADDED, "THE RPP IS NOT A PARTY WHICH BELONGS ONLY TO ITSELF. IT IS ONE OF THOSE WHICH CARRIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR TURKEY'S REGIME. IT CANNOT ACT HAPHAZARDLY."

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